

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 444

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION To name a bridge on State Route 394 (Bristol Beltway) in Sullivan County in honor of Clarence J. Rutherford.

WHEREAS, From time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, No Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Clarence J. Rutherford of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Clarence J. Rutherford is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity whose astute community involvement has always been for the express purpose of helping his fellow citizens of Sullivan County to lead happier and more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, He has served his fellow citizens faithfully and energetically in numerous other capacities and he has selflessly devoted his time and energies to making Sullivan County a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners has memorialized this body to name a certain bridge on State Route 394 to permanently commemorate Mr. Rutherford's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;  
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the bridge on State Route 394 (Bristol Beltway) that spans State Route 358 (Weaver Pike) in Sullivan County is hereby designated as the "Clarence J. Rutherford Bridge" to honor one of the most dedicated and public-spirited citizens the Volunteer State has ever produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Clarence J. Rutherford Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to the requirements of the preceding resolving clause, this resolution shall become operative only if Sullivan County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Sullivan County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Sullivan County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Sullivan County shall remit

an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners.